

REMARKS

Claims 31, 34, 36, 40, 52, 55 stand rejected under 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rabin, (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,782). Claims 31-42 and 52-55 are pending.

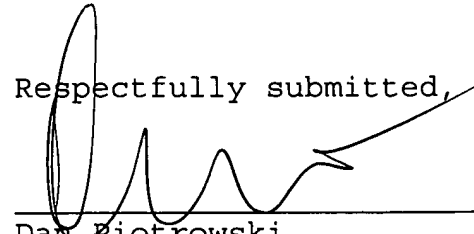
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 37, 42, and 53 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 42 and 53 have been substantially so amended and claims 31 and 36 have been amended to substantially includes the same limitations. Further, claims 31, 41 and 52 have been amended to obviate the objections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal the rejections and objections

The other claims in this application are dependent upon the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable once the independent claims are allowed.

The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 102. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable

reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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